

Goshen Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2018

1) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Goshen Historical Commission was called to order at 3:15 P.M. on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Goshen Historical Museum.

2) Roll call

- a) The following persons were present: Bob Labrie, Margaret Waggoner (Floyd Merritt was out)

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) The minutes of the June 2, 2018 meeting were approved as printed.
- b) There was no meeting held in July since there was no urgent business that needed to come before the Commission.

4) Finance Report

Nothing to report.

5) Report on endangered historical properties

- a) 123 West Street – GHC reviewed the request from the Hilltown Community Development Corporation (HCDC) to rehab the house at 123 West Street. In our opinion, installing vinyl siding over a historically significant building was inconsistent with the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Letter was e-mailed to the HCDC stating our finding.
- b) Williams / Boltwood House – In spite of repeated requests to the Treasurer, no update has been provided.

6) Status of completion of and summary of MHC inventory forms on historical properties

- a) BL has begun working on the forms

7) Report of GHC representative on CPA Committee

- a) No meeting held. Nothing to report.

8) Report of the Curator

- a) No report from Floyd since he is out ill.

9) New Business

- MW looking for combination to safe in basement. If it can't be located, we might have to contact a locksmith for help.

10) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.
- b) Minutes submitted by: Bob Labrie

GHC To Do List

Photos

- Make prints of the Wilcutt Photos or print on regular paper (in process)
- Put them in a binder for display
- “What do you think this is a picture of and why do you think that?”
- Use Inventory Form format

Museum Sign – make new one

Take down ash tree in parking lot

Install electrical outlet in center of basement ceiling for de-humidifier

Load new pictures in the digiframe

Repair soffit over the basement walkout (in process)

Sand and repaint threshold (paint purchased, waiting for better weather)

Replace drain cover in the basement floor

Pump organ repair – get a quote

Create video of Margaret and Floyd walking through the Museum explaining the exhibits

Japanese Knotweed in parking lot – needs to be treated with Brush-b-gone

Catalog remaining books from Boltwood Library (librarything.org)

Construct bookshelf above computer area in the museum for storage.

Letter to WBH attorney asking for proposal to Goshen Select board

Boxes at WBH – move to museum

Power wash the Goshen stone pad, sidewalk and lye stone in front of the museum



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July 24, 2018

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Dear Paula,

The Goshen Historical Commission has reviewed your and rejected your request to rehab the house at 123 West Street. The referenced home is one of the first school houses in the Town of Goshen and therefore historically significant. Installing vinyl siding over current wood clapboard and replacing the wood front door with a vinyl storm door is inconsistent with the recommendations of the [The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#).

Sincerely,

Bob Labrie, Chair
Goshen Historical Commission